

REMARKS

Claims 1, 15, and 27 are amended, no claims are added, and no claims are canceled.

Claims 1-37 are pending in this application.

Claims 1 and 15 were amended to correct minor editorial errors. Claim 15 was also amended to include the phrase "an aqueous alcohol" in step (d), which provides the antecedent basis for the that phrase in step (e). Claim 27 was amended to recite the ingredients of the treatment composition as described in paragraph [0036] of the published application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out the deficiency in claim 27.

Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 18, 2005, Applicant elects Group I, which includes claims 1-14, with traverse.

The Restriction Requirement is traversed on the basis that Restriction Requirements are optional in all cases. M.P.E.P. § 803. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it arguably may include claims to distinct or independent inventions. M.P.E.P. § 803.

Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of at least the claims in Groups I (claims 1-14) and II (claims 15-26) can be efficiently and effectively searched in a single search with no additional burden placed on the Examiner. Specifically, a search of the claims in Group I, in particular claim 1, would likely identify art relevant to the claims in Group II (claims 15-26). Additionally, the claims of both Groups I and II are each classified as belonging to class 424, subclass 725, indicating that a search of both Groups I and II would not be burdensome on the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits no additional burden would be placed on the Examiner to examine the claims of Groups I and II. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's agent at (612) 359-3270 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

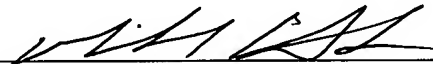
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Respectfully submitted,

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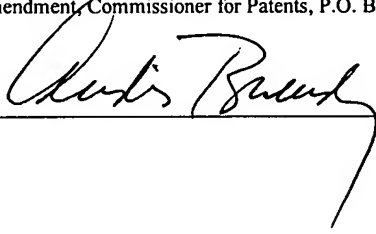
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